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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Colusa County – Courthouse and County Employees Evacuated After Reported Bomb Threat

(U) Two courthouses in Colusa were evacuated Wednesday after an anonymous caller phoned in a bomb threat. The call came in just after noon, while some employees were away at lunch. Court and law enforcement officials said the threat was unspecific as to the potential location of an explosive, so both the historic courthouse, on Market Street, and the annex building, on Oak Street, were evacuated. Meanwhile, officials from the Colusa County Sheriff's Department, Colusa Police and Colusa Fire searched the buildings and prevented anyone from entering the courthouse.

SOURCE: 4 July 2017, [Williams Pioneer](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Illinois – More Than 100 Shot During Long Fourth of July Weekend

(U) Chicago – A total of 101 people were shot in Chicago over an unusually violent Fourth of July weekend, leaving at least 14 dead, according to police and local media, as the city continues to grapple with gun crime. Police officials counted 71 shooting incidents and 14 murders between evening on Friday and early Wednesday. Gangs were a major source of the violence, Chicago Police First Deputy Superintendent Kevin Navarro said at a news conference yesterday. Chicago police deployed 1,300 additional officers to patrol during the Fourth of July weekend, and had arrested 58 people on drug and gun charges ahead of the holiday in hopes of tamping down violence.

SOURCE: 5 July 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Montana – Guns, Bomb-Making Material Taken From 'AK-47' Suspect's Home

(U) Helena – FBI agents seized bomb-making materials, seven guns and ammunition from the home of a man they suspect of carrying out bank robberies in five states, according to an inventory list filed with a federal court. The property seized from Richard Gathercole's home shows that agents also found sheriff's badges and patches, a sheriff's vest, an ammunition vest, a military style helmet, an organic chemistry book and material to make identification badges. Authorities believe Gathercole, 39, is the man they call "the AK-47 bandit" who held up at least six banks since 2012 in California, Washington, Idaho, Nebraska, and Iowa. The suspect typically wore a mask with only his nose and eyes showing and carried an AK-47 rifle with a drum magazine. Gathercole is being held in Lexington, Nebraska, where he is accused of stealing a truck and guns and firing on a Kansas state trooper who was trying to pull him over for a traffic stop last month.

SOURCE: 5 July 2017, [SF Gate](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Belgium – Four Arrested, Arms Cache Found After Raids

(U) Brussels – Four people have been arrested and an arms cache found after overnight raids in Brussels linked to a bikers' club called the Kamikaze Riders, federal prosecutors said yesterday. A source close to the investigation said the raids in the gritty Anderlecht district found at least two Kalashnikov assault

rifles while reports spoke of explosives also being discovered. Brussels has been on high alert since the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) suicide bombers struck the city's airport and metro in March 2016, killing 32 people and injuring hundreds more.

SOURCE: 5 July 2017, [AFP](#)

(U) Philippines – Troops Arrest Militants' Main Financier

(U) Manila – Yesterday, security forces arrested the main financier and logistics supporter of the pro-ISIS militants who have for weeks been battling government troops for control of a southern town. The militants from a faction known as the Maute group, seized the town of Marawi on 23 May and are resisting daily assaults by government forces using aircraft and artillery, and with help from allies the United States and Australia.

SOURCE: 5 July 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Shootout Kills 14

(U) Chihuahua – A shootout in northern Mexico has killed at least 14 people, officials say, amid a surge in drug-related violence in the country. Two armed groups clashed near the mountainous community of Las Varas, in the state of Chihuahua. The identities of the victims and details of how the shootout unfolded were not immediately clear. Three people were detained, the state attorney general's office said. Officials also seized three vehicles, heavy weaponry, and grenades. The incident is the latest in a series of deadly clashes between rival drug gangs and with the police across Mexico.

SOURCE: 5 July 2017, [BBC](#)

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